

Appendix G: Values of Open Space

Personal Benefits

- Full and meaningful life
- Health insurance
- Stress management
- Self esteem
- Positive self image
- Balanced life
- Achieve full potential
- Gain life satisfaction
- Human development
- Positive lifestyles choices
- Improve quality of life

Economic Benefits

- Preventative health service
- A productive work force
- Big economic returns on small investments
- Business relocation and expansion
- Reduce the high cost of vandalism and criminal activity
- Catalyst for tourism
- Environmental investments pay for themselves

Social Benefits

- Build strong communities
- Reduce alienation, loneliness and anti-social behavior
- Promote ethnic and cultural harmony
- Build strong families
- Opportunity for community involvement, shared management, and ownership of resources
- Provide foundation for community pride

Environmental Benefits

- Environmental health
- Environmental protection and rehabilitation
- Environmental investment increases property values
- Insurance for a new environmental future.

Source: “The Benefits of Recreation: An Essential Service, The Parks and Recreation Federation of Ontario –1992” and republished in NRPA